REMARKS

The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 3 to better convey what is being claimed. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination. This continuation is now compliant since the editorial errors pointed out by the Examiner in the March 30, 2007, Office Action have been corrected. Specifically, claim 1 no longer has "~~number~~" and "distance" is properly marked for deletion. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if there are any additional errors that were missed in the claims as submitted.

Support for changing "said predetermined distance remaining unchanged regardless of a sheet thickness." to "said predetermined number of sheets, of the particular paper, remaining unchanged regardless of a sheet thickness while the distance to the feedhead will vary depending on sheet thickness." in claim 1 is provided by paragraphs 34-35, a portion which is below, in conjunction with Figure 5.

> FIG. 5 is a scheme illustrating an exemplary reproduction device 500 with two feeding apparatuses 502, 504 .... The stack height is measured with level sensors 526, 528. An additional paper out sensor 527, 529 gives a signal if no sheet 518, 520 is remaining on the platform 506, 508. A reference position of the platform 506, 508 is detected with down switches reference position of the platform 506, 508 is detected with down switches 530, 532. To count the number of separated and transported sheets 518, 520 an optical edge sensor 534, 536 is arranged in the transport path 538, 540.
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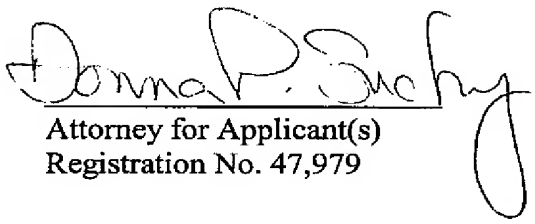
> As shown in FIG. 5 all active and sensor elements are connected to a control system 554 for the reproduction device 500. To input, process and display data the control system 554 is connected to a computer system 556 with a keyboard 558 and a monitor 560. Preferably, software for controlling feeding, of types known in the art, is modified in accordance with the present invention to provide the functionality described herein.

This allows for control by determining a distance of a platform relative to a feedhead corresponding to a predetermined number of sheets that is greater then zero to be left in a sheet supply, said sheets resting upon said platform including switching to another sheet supply when the platform is that distance from the feedhead thereby leaving a predetermined number of sheets in said sheet supply using a controller in combination with stored information concerning paper thickness, said predetermined thickness remaining unchanged regardless of a sheet thickness. An example of this is discussed in paragraph 41 where it states

that "a paper-low displacement count may be initialized to a nominal low paper value ... may be chosen to either correspond to a thickest possible paper to ensure that paper will never run out in a drawer or ... may be chosen to correspond to a thinnest possible paper to ensure that excess paper is not left in a drawer.

All rejections and objections being overcome, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 are now allowable and allowance of the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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